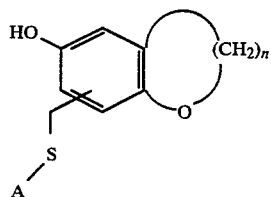


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species in need of such treatment a anti-inflammatory effective amount of a compound of formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein A is

- (a) phenyl substituted with  $(R^1)_q$  wherein when there are more than one  $R^1$  ( $q > 1$ ) and  $R^1$  can be the same or different from each other and is
- (1) hydrogen;
  - (2) halo;
  - (3) loweralkoxy;
  - (4) lower alkylthio;
  - (5) lower alkyl sulfinyl;
  - (6) lower alkyl sulfonyl;
  - (7) unsubstituted or substituted phenyl loweralkoxy;
  - (8) loweralkyl;
  - (9) loweralkenyl;
  - (10) lower alkanoyl;
  - (11) haloloweralkyl;
  - (12)  $-\text{COOH}$ ;
  - (13) aryl;
  - (14) aryloxy;
  - (15) cyano;
  - (16) hydroxyloweralkyl;
  - (17) halo loweralkanoyl; or
  - (18) loweralkanoyloxy;
- q is 0 to 5; and  
n is 3.

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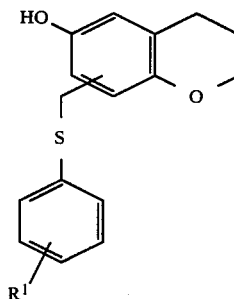
8. The method of claim 7 wherein:

A is phenyl substituted with  $(R^1)_q$  wherein  $R^1$  is

- (a) hydrogen;
- (b) loweralkoxy;
- (c) halo;
- (d) lowerhaloalkyl;
- (e) loweralkanoyl;
- (f) hydroxyloweralkyl; or
- (g) loweralkanoyloxyloweralkyl; and

q is 1 or 2.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the active compound is of formula:



wherein  $R^1$  is loweralkanoyl, loweralkanoyloxyloweralkyl, or hydroxyloweralkyl.

10. The compound of claim 1 which is 6-hydroxy-7-(2-hydroxymethylphenyl)thiomethyl-3,4-dihydrobenzopyran.

11. The composition of claim 4 wherein the active compound is 6-hydroxy-7-(2-hydroxymethylphenyl)thiomethyl-3,4-dihydrobenzopyran.

12. The method of claim 7 wherein the active compound is 6-hydroxy-7-(2-hydroxymethylphenyl)thiomethyl-3,4-dihydrobenzopyran.

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